

Weekly Construction Update

Aug 18 – Aug 22, 2014



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What's New on Site this Week?

Exterior

- Aurora Ave: Underground utility work Aug. 20-29 will take up two public disability parking spaces.
- Roof work continues with tile removal and asbestos abatement on east side.

Interior

- A hidden skylight was uncovered during construction in Room 318. The skylight will be restored based on the original Cass Gilbert design.

Continuing Activities

Exterior

- North Wing: Marble repair and restoration continues. Window repair and restoration on west façade.
- West Wing: Marble and window repair and restoration continues.
- East Wing: Workers are blending the old and new marble.
- Roof demolition at the Quadriga level and East Wing.

Interior

- Demolition activities continue.
- Temporary protective wall construction continues.
- Basement: Concrete slab removal and foundation underpinning continues. Miscellaneous asbestos removal continues. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing installation continues.

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Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

Exterior

- Expect noise, vibration, and workers in view wherever there is scaffolding.

Interior

- Paint stripping windows at night. Odors may still linger in mornings.
- Vibration and noise levels will increase throughout the building.

Looking Ahead – Three Weeks Out

Exterior

- East Wing: Scaffolding removal on east façade begins.
- Main roof repair starts.
- Flag poles removed from roof, official flags in Court of Honor.

Interior

- Construction activity accelerates, especially for roofing and demolition.
- Basement: Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) underslab installation will continue. Underpinning and slab removal continues.

Featured Notice

Cedar Street down to one lane near Lot O, through Aug. 22,
6 am-5 pm for infrastructure work. Traffic controls will be present.

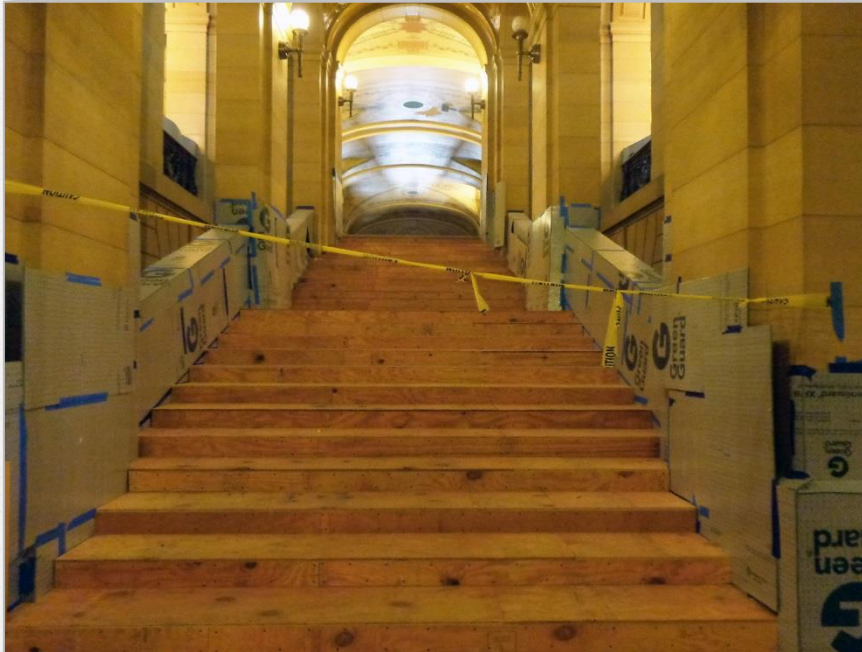
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The east grand staircase is protected by plywood.



A completely restored column capital on the East Wing.

Questions or Comments?

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Getting Around The Capitol

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What to Expect

The Capitol is an active construction site and your safety is our number one priority. Please stay within the designated public areas.

Interior

- Expect to see temporary walls where construction is present.
- Expect construction workers and machinery, noise and vibration.
- The basement tunnel has temporary corridors that will slightly reconfigure day-to-day to accommodate work areas. Signage will guide you through the corridors.
- An audio recording helps blind and low-vision visitors navigate the Capitol tunnel as they enter the Capitol basement from the State Office Building.

Exterior

- Expect scaffolding, machinery, noise, workers and closed sidewalks.

What's Open

- Entrances: South Main Entrance and the accessible Ground Floor Entrance under the South Main Entrance stairs, Basement tunnel.
- West Wing: 2nd, 3rd floors
- North Wing
- Basement tunnel (and Rathskeller Café during legislative session)
- West elevator adjacent to South Main Entrance

What's Closed

- Entrances: East Wing, West Wing, University Ave (north side of building).
- Rotunda
- East Wing: All floors
- West Wing: Ground, 1st Floors
- Quadriga
- NE circular stairs closed to the public, except for emergencies.
- Basement except for tunnel (and Rathskeller Café during legislative session)
- East elevator

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